Choosing a Registry for the Washington State Collaborative

Participation in the Collaborative involves setting up a registry, or tracking system, for your pilot population. The registry will enable you to measure the effects of the changes you test. The following information answers frequently asked questions about choosing a registry.

Which registry do I have to use for the Collaborative?

You may use any registry or system that will cover the measures required by the Collaborative topic you choose. Your choices are diabetes or adult preventive services.

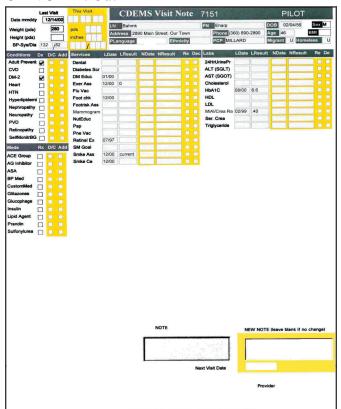
What registries are available for tracking the required measures of the Collaborative?

Two readily available systems are the Adult Preventive Health Services Software (APHS software) and the Chronic Disease Electronic Management System (CDEMS). Both systems are free of charge and offer ongoing technical support.

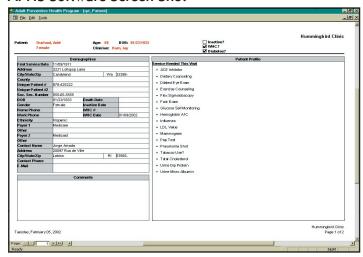
What do these two registries do?

They contain and run reports on patient demographics, visit history, medications, services due, lab results, and

CDEMS Print Out



APHS Software Screen Shot



Collaborative measures. Reports can focus on provider, patient, or clinic outcomes. The registries can also generate reminder letters to patients.

What are the system requirements for these registries?

Both registries require a PC (either freestanding or networked). APHS software requires a 90 MHz Processor, 16 MB RAM (32 or more is preferred), 800 x 600 screen resolution, Windows 95/98/2000 or Windows NT 3.51/4.0, and a printer. CDEMS requires a fully loaded Microsoft Access 97, 2000, or 2002 program and prefers a color printer.

What are the differences between the two systems?

APHS tracks adult preventive health services and diabetes. CDEMS tracks any health condition and has an interface that facilitates the downloading of laboratory data.

How do I find out more about these systems?

We strongly encourage you to look at both systems to determine which will best fit your clinic's needs beyond tracking the required measures of the Collaborative. For a preview of the APHS software, call Andrea Sciaudone, RN, at Qualis Health: 206.364.9700, ext. 2030. For a preview of CDEMS, call Kathleen Clark, MS, RD, CDE, at Department of Health, Diabetes Control Program: 360.236.3608.





